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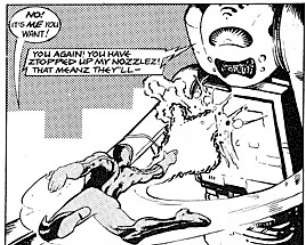
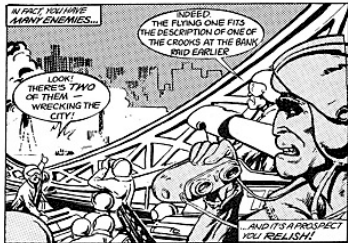
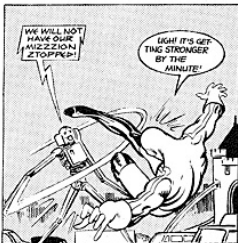
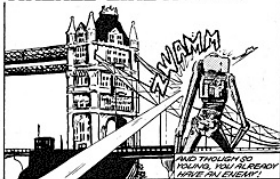
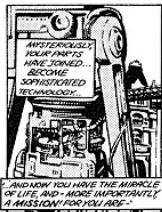
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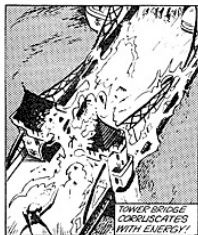
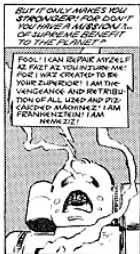


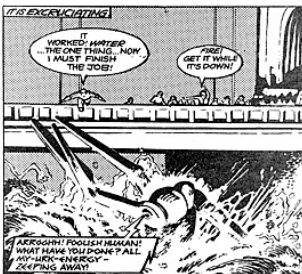
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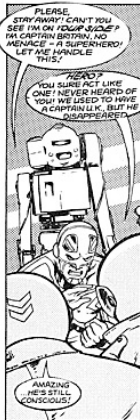
CAPTAIN BRITAIN

- THE JUNKHEAP THAT WALKED LIKE A MAN!









UNTIL NOW, BACK AT THE RUBBISH
TIP YOUR GOAL IS IN SIGHT!

MUZZNT ZZTOP
-JEK- NOW!

BUT IT MIGHT AS WELL
BE A MILLION MILES
AWAY.

FLUID?
FLUID? WHERE?
UNLESS-THERE!
COMING OUT OF
THAT PIPE!

FOR YOUR GLORIOUS
MISSION IS DEAD!

IT'S
ALRIGHT! MY FORCE
FIELD WILL STOP IT REACH-
ING WHAT IT WAS LOOK-
ING FOR.

YOU
CAN CLEAR UP
NOW!

AND SO ARE YOU! FOR YOU
HAVE REGRESSED TO THE
CONFUSED CONGLOMER-
ATION OF DISBURSED DO-
MESTIC APPLIANCES
YOU ONCE WERE!

BUT LIFE GOES ON.

BUT
COULD THIS
REALLY BE
WHAT IT WAS
LOOKING
FOR?

COULD
BE, FRIEND!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

I'VE BEEN EX-
PECTING SOME-
THING LIKE THIS TO
HAPPEN EVER SINCE
ALGERNON RANT NO-
THING ROUND 'ERE OL-
BERT DON'T KNOW
ABOUT.

YOU'RE MAKING NO
SENSE FELLOW!

HEE HEE! WHAT
DO YOU EXPECT FROM
A DRUNKEN OLD
DERELICT? BUT DON'T
TAKE MY WORD FOR
IT—JUST TAKE A LOOK
INSIDE THAT PIPE.

HEE HEE!
SIDE'S, YOU
DON'T SEEM TO
HAVE A CHOICE!

HEY YOU!

COME BACK!
YOU HAVE FIVE
SECONDS!

AH GOOD
MORROW DEAR
VISITOR! YOU'RE JUST
IN TIME FOR MY FIRST
CUPPA OF THE DAY!
CARE TO JOIN?

HLHP!

NEXT
IS ALBERT-GUARD
AND ALGERNON
THE RAT THING

SO, IGNORING THE
SHOUTS AND SHOTS
OUTSIDE, THE CAP-
TAIN VENTURES A FEW YARDS
INTO THE STORM SEWER'S
DARKNESS THERE, IN A
CAVITY WHERE THE FETID
SMELL OF THE SEWER
IS MINGLED WITH SOME-
THING SWEETER, HE SEES-

THE AVENGERS®

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THE GENTLEMAN'S
NAME IS CRUSHER
CREEL, A.K.A. THE
ABSORBING
MAN--

DEATH ON THE HUDSON!

--AND HE HAS
COME TO NEW
YORK HARBOUR
TO TAKE THIS
FREIGHTER TO
SOUTH AMERICA,
HOPING TO
ESCAPE WHAT
HE CONSIDERS
HIS PERSECUTION
BY SUPERHEROES.

HOWEVER, HE HAS
BEEN STOPPED IN
THAT EFFORT BY
THE MIGHTY
AVENGERS--

--AND NOW, SEEKING
RETRIBUTION, HE HAS
ABSORBED THE AWE-
SOME POWER OF AN
ENTIRE BATTERY OF
ELECTRIC
TURBINES!

FOR CRUSHER
CREEL CAN
ABSORB
ANYTHING...
EXCEPT
DEFEAT!

LOV06







THAT THEY HAVE! FOR IN HIS STRUGGLES, THE NEARLY NORMAL-SIZED ABSORBING MAN HAS GAINED A POSITION OF LEVERAGE, AND NOW...





THERE HE IS, MS. M! DROP ME!

UH, ARE YOU SURE THIS IS GOING TO WORK, BEAST?



AM I SURE? HEY, IS GEORGIE JESSEL JEWISH?



IRON MAN! WHAT--?

STAY BACK! MY STORAGE COMPONENTS HAVE NEVER HAD TO COPE WITH THIS MUCH POWER BEFORE!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE ATMOSPHERE, DISCHARGE THE EXCESS!



BUT IF IRON MAN WAITS THAT LONG, HIS CIRCUITS COULD OVERLOAD-- AND KILL HIM!

I KNOW, JANET... AND SO DOES HE!



I REALIZE IT'S RISKY HOLDING THE CHARGE THIS LONG--

ESPECIALLY SINCE MY ARMOUR'S BEEN MAL-FUNCTIONING LATELY ANYWAY!



BUT IF I UNLOADED THIS BUILT-UP POWER IN A POPULATED AREA, THE RESULTS COULD BE DISASTROUS! I JUST HOPE I'M HIGH ENOUGH NOW-- BECAUSE IF I HOLD OUT ONE SECOND LONGER, I'M DEAD! GOT... TO... GO...



RELEASE!

AND FOR THE BRIEFEST OF MOMENTS, FOR THOSE NEW YORKERS SENTIENT ENOUGH TO RAISE THEIR EYES FROM THE GRITTY PAVEMENT'S A NEW STAR BLAZES OVER THE MANHATTAN SKYLINE...

WHILE TEN MINUTES EARLIER, IN THE PORTION OF THAT SKYLINE OCCUPIED BY AVENGERS' MANSION...

CAPTAIN AMERICA'S BEEN GONE TWO HOURS ALREADY!

JUST HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO RECRUIT A NEW AVENGER, ANYWAY?

AS LONG AS IT TAKES, SIR.

HMM, VERY SAGACIOUS, JARVIS.

I ONLY MEANT THAT THE AVENGERS DO THINGS IN THEIR OWN WAY, MR. GYRICH. AND IN THEIR OWN TIME.

YAT LEAST... THEY USED TO.

WE STILL DO, JARVIS.

WHO-- MASTER CAP!

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME. I HAVE SOME FORMS FOR THE FALCON TO FILL OUT.

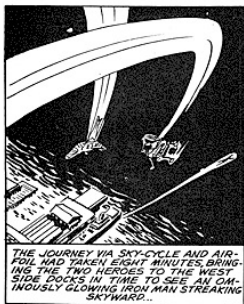
YASSUH, I SHO'D BE GLAD T'DO THAT LI'L THING.

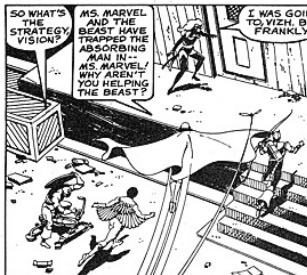
CAREFUL, FALC-- MR. GYRICH MIGHT THINK YOU DON'T LIKE HIM!

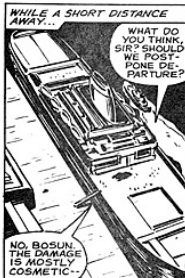
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR DROLLERY, SIR, BUT THE OTHER AVENGERS MIGHT NEED YOU.

THERE WAS A CALL FROM MASTER HAWKEYE AT NEW YORK HARBOUR. SOMETHING ABOUT THE ABSORBING MAN...?

WHAT--? LET'S GO, FALCON!

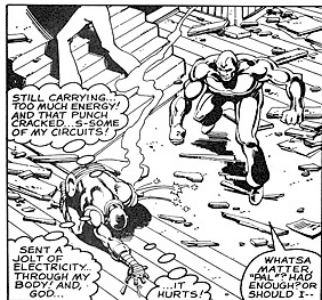
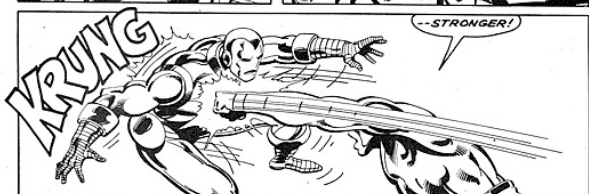














BUT THAT LAST ORDER PROVES SURPRISINGLY UNNECESSARY, AS...

NO! IT CAN'T BE! THIS IS THE RIGHT DOCK, BUT--



WELL, ARE
YA HAPPY?
ARE YA SAT-
ISFIED?

ALL YA HADDA
DO WAS LEMME
ALONE AN' I'D HAVE
BEEN OUTTA YER
HAIR FOREVER!

NO, CRUSHER CREEL. THAT WOULD
MERELY HAVE BEEN PASSING OUR
RESPONSIBILITIES ONTO THE
SHOULDERS OF OTHERS. NOW...

...WILL YOU
SURRENDER?



YA'D BETTER
GET OUTTA THE
WAY, CHIPPY. I
GOT A FEELIN'
THIS IS GONNA
GET MESSY--

--AN' I
DON'T WANT
YOU GETTIN'
HURT.

YOU...
YOU
DON'T?



C'MON, REDSKIN, I FEEL
LIKE SMASHIN' ANYTHING
IN A COSTUME!

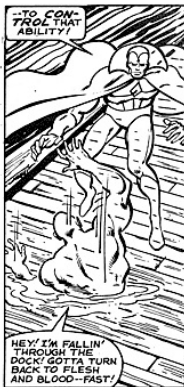
AN' SINCE YOU'RE
THE CLOSEST AT
HAND--



--YOU'RE GONNA
BE THE FIRST
TO FALL!

UNLIKELY. I'M
WELL AWARE OF
YOUR CAPACITY
TO ABSORB MY
POWERS, BUT
I DON'T THINK
YOU'RE AWARE
OF THE FULL
RANGE OF
THOSE POWERS.





IT IS THEN THAT CRUSHER CREEL
GLANCES OVER HIS SHOULDER--

--SEES THREE UNRELENTING
HEROES RACING OVER THE
OILY WATERS TOWARDS HIM--



--AND REALIZES THAT EVEN HAD
HE REACHED HIS GOAL, HE
NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT.

AND SO WITH A LAST,
LINGERING LOOK AT THE
DEPARTING FREIGHTER,
THE BOBBING SWIMMER
CLOSES HIS EYES, HIS
FEATURES RELAXING
INTO A MASK OF PLACID
SORROW--

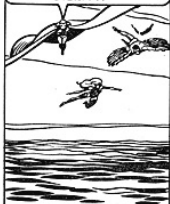


--AND OF WEARY, WEARY
RESIGNATION.

I'VE GOT HIM,
AVENGERS!
I'LL -- EH?!



PERHAPS, MS. MARVEL,
THERE IS THAT WITHIN EVEN
THE BASEST OF VILLAINS
WHICH MAY BE CALLED....
DIGNITY.



AND AS THE THREE PURSUERS RETURN...

SAY, THIS BALL AND CHAIN'LL
MAKE A SWELL TROPHY FOR
BUNFE...FOR BUNGE...



...SOME-
ONE
ELSE.

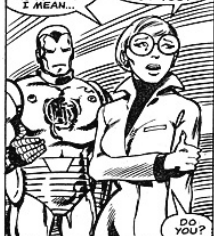
ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
MISS?

HUH?
OH, YEAH.
I THINK
SO. ONLY.

I THOUGHT
THAT GUY WAS
A TOTAL PSYCHO.

SO WHY'D HE
PUSH ME OUT
OF DANGER WHEN
HE COULD'VE
USED ME AS A
HOSTAGE?
I MEAN...

YOU DON'T
SUPPOSE IT
REALLY WOULD'VE
BEEN OKAY TO
LET HIM GO,
DO YOU?



DO
YOU?

QUICKSILVER AND THE
SCARLET WITCH BEGIN A
SEARCH FOR THEIR TRUE PAST...

THE YESTERDAY QUEST!

THE AVENGERS

"THE PLAN" AND THE POWER!

SELDOM HAVE THINGS LOOKED
SO BRIGHT FOR THE MIGHTY
AVENGERS! GOLIATH AND THE
WARRIOR CAPTIVES OF DIABLO
WARRIORS ARE WHERE--AND
CAPTAIN AMERICA'S WHERE--
ABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN--BUT LET'S
BACK IN THE MANSION--BUT LET'S
HEAR HAWKEYE TELL IT IN
HIS OWN INIMITABLE WAY--!

I'VE HAD IT WITH THIS FREE-
LOADIN' FOLK--HERO, PIETRO!
WHILE WE TRY TO MAP OUT A
BATTLE-PLAN, HE SITS
AROUND CALMLY GULPIN' DOWN
OUR GROCERIES!

HERCULES IS
OUR GUEST,
MY FRIEND!
HE HAS NO
OBLIGATIONS
TOWARDS HANK
AND JAN, AS
WE DO!

STILL, MY BROTHER,
HAWKEYE IS PARTLY
RIGHT! SURELY, EVEN
AN EXTENDED GOLIATH
MUST HAVE
FEELINGS!

THOU SPEAKEST
TRULY, FAIR WANDA!
VERILY, NO MORTAL
SHALL BRAVE GREATER
PERIL TO RESCUE
GOLIATH THAN SHALL
THE SON OF ZEUS!

YET, AGAINST THAT
HOUR, I DO FIND
THESE EARTHLY GRAPE
MOST PLEASANT! THEIR
TASTE IS NOT UNLIKE
THAT OF DIVINE
AMBROSIA!

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THIS
RELATIVELY QUIET KRAKEN
ACTION--PLenty INSIDE!
BUT, DON'T TAKE OUR WORD
FOR IT--SEE FOR YOURSELF!

STAN LEE
EDITS AND
OTHERWISE EMBELLISHES!

A ROY THOMAS-
JOHN BUSCEMA
CLIMACTIC CULMINATION OF
COOPERATIVE CREATIVITY!

INKED BY: LETTERED BY:
GEORGE BELL ART SMERK

AVENGER
ASSEMBLY'S
FIRST CLASS!



YOU MAY BE GREAT SHAKES UP IN OLYMPIUS, WHISKERS -- BUT, WHEN IT COMES TO BEIN' A MAN, YOU'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN!

I KNOW NOT WHY THOU GOST BAIT ME, THOU BELLICOSE BOWMAN! BUT, STAND THEE WARNED--

THE PATIENCE OF HERCULES IS NOT AS LIMITLESS AS HIS STRENGTH!



STOP!
STOP!
IT, BOTH OF YOU!

TWO AVENGERS -- AND PERHAPS THE ENTIRE WORLD -- ARE MENACED BY DIABLO AND THE MONSTROUS DRAGON MAN THAT HE CONTROLS!

WE MUST LEARN WHAT DIABLO'S PLAN IS -- AND, WE CAN'T DO THAT IF WE QUARREL AMONG OURSELVES!



OKAY, SO I'VE GOT A BIG MOUTH! IT JUST BUGS ME TO SEE HIM TAKIN' THE WHOLE THING SO CALM, THAT'S ALL!

WE MUST NOT JUDGE HERCULES BY OUR OWN STANDARDS, HAWKEYE! NOW, COME -- WHY DO YOU BOTH NOT APOLOGIZE --?

'TIS BENEATH THE DIGNITY THAT BEFITS A GOD TO ACCEPT OR PROFFER APOLOGIES, DAMSEL!

THE SON OF ZEUS SHALL CONSIDER THE MATTER FORGOTTEN! I CAN DO NO MORE FOR MAN OR IMMORTAL!

THEN, IT IS SETTLED! I AM NO LONGER NEEDED HERE!



YET, HOW MUCH LONGER CAN WANDA AND I HOLD TOGETHER THE TUMULTUOUS HERCULES -- AND HAWKEYE, WHO GRIEVES FOR THE TREACHEROUS BLACK WIDOW?

IF ONLY WE COULD CONTACT THE FANTASTIC FOUR -- TO LEARN THE EXACT LOCATION OF DIABLO'S FORMER CASTLE IN PENNSYLVANIA!

BUT, WHEN I CALLED THEM BEFORE, A RECORDED MESSAGE TOLD ME THEY WERE ON VACATION!*

*SOME VACATION! THEY WERE ALMOST DESTROYED BY THE SENTRY SINISTER, IN A.P. 98B*10!
-- ED



I MUST REACH THEM! FOR, THEY WERE THE FIRST TO BATTLE THE DREAD DRAGON MAN! PERHAPS THEY HAVE RETURNED BY NOW...

THIS IS QUICKSILVER, OF AVENGERS -- CALLING MR. FANTASTIC!

THE TRANSCIVER IS BEING ACTIVATED! SOMEONE IS RESPONDING!

MOMENTS LATER, PIETRO HEARS THE VOICE OF THE LEADER OF THE MOST FAMOUS FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL....

SO, HENRY PYM TOOK MY ADVICE-- AND GAINED CUSTODY OF THE DORMANT DRAGON MAN!

BUT NOW, YOU SAY DIABLO HAS REVIVED HIM-- AND YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING THE TWO OF THEM?

SHEESH! HOW COULD ANYBODY LOSE THAT OVERGROWN GOONY-BIRD?

QUIET, BEN! THIS IS SERIOUS!

REMEMBER, DIABLO IS THE SUPREME ALCHEMIST-- A CENTURIES-OLD MADMAN BENT ON WORLD CONQUEST! AND, IF HE'S REGAINED HIS HOLD ON DRAGON MAN--

AWRIGHT, AWRIGHT! YA DON'T HAVETA DRAW ME A ROAD MAP, STRETCHO!

HOWEVER, THAT IS JUST WHAT WE NEED, RICHARDS-- A VERBAL MAP OF WHERE DIABLO'S ORIGINAL STRONGHOLD WAS LOCATED!

FOR, WE BELIEVE HE MAY HAVE RETURNED THERE-- AND WE MEAN TO PURSUE HIM!

YOU'VE GOT 'EM, HUNTER! ONE SET OF COORDINATES-- COMING UP!

AT THIS POINT, FRANTIC ONE, WE'LL SPARE YOU THE BORING DETAILS OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE (AND, INCIDENTALLY, AVOID GETTING A NASTY NOTE FROM THE TRANSYLVANIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)--AND SKIP TO...

ARE YOU READY TO DEPART, MY SISTER?

YES! BUT, WHAT OF HERCULES?

WHO NEEDS 'IM? IF HE WANTS TO STAY HERE AND DAYDREAM ABOUT DAYS OF YORE, I SAY LET 'IM!

HERCULES CHOOSES TO IGNORE THINE IL-- HUMOURED JIBES, MORTAL!

YET, I HAVE PLEDGED MY HELP TO A FRIEND OF THOR--AND, MY WORD IS E'ER MY BOND!

I SHALL ACCOMPANY THEE!

THUS, WITHIN MINUTES...

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND, PIETRO, WHY THE FANTASTIC FOUR DO NOT JOIN IN THE SEARCH FOR THEIR OLD FOE!

INDEED, WANDA-- REED RICHARDS OFFERED ME THEIR AID...

...BUT, DIABLO HOLDS TWO AVENGERS-- AND, IT IS BY AVENGERS THAT THEY SHOULD BE RESCUED!

Y'KNOW, WHITEY, SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'RE NOT AS SQUARE AS YOU SOUND!

AND NOW, WE MUST SHIFT OUR ATTENTION TO A CERTAIN MOUNTAIN TOP TRANSYLVANIA...

AH, GOLIATH... I SEE YOU HAVE AWAKENED!

WELCOME! WELCOME TO THE REBUILT CASTLE OF DIABLO-- DESTINED MASTER OF THE EARTH!

*REBUILT, MAY WE ADD, BY THE TRANSYLVANIA CASTLE CONSTRUCTION UNION, LOCAL NO. 829!--STAN, THE WORKINGMAN'S FRIEND.

BUT, WHAT SAY WE GO
INSIDE FOR A CLOSER
LOOK, O SEEKER OF
KNOWLEDGE--AND
LEARN JUST WHY
DIABLO IS SO FANATI-
CALLY CONFIDENT...

WHILE EVERYONE
THOUGHT ME
DEAD, I RETURNED
HERE--TO PREPARE
FOR MY ULTIMATE
VICTORY!

YOU MEAN...
DRAGON MAN?
HE'S POWERFUL...
ALMOST
INDESTRUCTIBLE!
YET, EVEN HE
COULDN'T--

BENOLD, AVENGER,
THE SIGHT WHICH
SHALL FORCE AN
ENTIRE PLANET TO
GROVEL AT MY
FEET!

WAIT! I
JUST NOTICED
--HE'S SO STILL--
SO UNMOVING!
WHAT IN--?

YOU BEGIN TO
GLIMPSE THE TRUTH,
FOOL! THE GARGANTUAN
FIGURE BEFORE YOU
IS NOT THE CREATURE
YOU FOUGHT!

NOW, TURN--AND
LOOK BEHIND YOU!

BEHIND
ME?

THEN, AS THE SLIGHTLY GROGGY GIANT WHIRLS,
HE SEES...

YES, GOLIATH--I HAVE READIED
A VIRTUAL ARMY OF DRAGON
MEN--EACH EQUAL TO THE
FIRST IN ALL WAYS BUT ONE!

THEY DO NOT LIVE--
BECAUSE MY MYSTIC
LIFE-GIVING POTIONS
WERE LOST IN A
WHIRLPOOL!

WORKING ALONE, IT WOULD
HAVE TAKEN ME MONTHS
TO HAVE REPLENISHED MY
SUPPLY OF THOSE POTIONS!

BUT, NOT NOW--
FOR, I HAVE
GAINED A MOST
VALUABLE
ASSISTANT--

THE GREATEST
BIO-CHEMIST
ON EARTH--
HENRY PYM!!



WHAT? ME--HELP YOU? RUN THROUGH ONE MORE TIME! MISTER--AFTER THEY SCRAPE YOU UP!

STOP YOU BLUNDERING CLOB! UNHAND ME AT ONCE--

--OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE JANET VAN DYNE AGAIN!!

JAN?

WHERE IS SHE, DIABLO? TALK, BEFORE I--



GO AHEAD, GOLIATH, DO TO ME WHAT YOU WILL!

BUT REMEMBER--THE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED WA! I SHALL THEN BE YOUR OWN DOING--AND I WILL HAUNT YOU UNTIL YOU DIE!

AH--I SEEM TO HAVE HIT A RESPONSIVE CHORD! YOUR GRIP LOOSENS--YOU FALTER--

JUST ANSWER MY QUESTION! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HER?

PUT ME DOWN, FOOL, AND I SHALL SHOW YOU--ON MY VIEW-SCREEN!



AND, A FEW MOMENTS LATER, A STARTLED GOLIATH SUDDENLY SEES--

JAN-- BOUND IN A CAVE!

AND, SHE'S BEING MENACED BY DRAGON MAN--THE REAL ONE!

YOU ARE CORRECT ON TWO OUT OF THREE, MY FRIEND! SHE IS MERELY BEING GUARDED BY DRAGON MAN--FOR THE PRESENT!

BUT, UNLESS HE RECEIVES A SPECIAL SIGNAL FROM ME AT REGULAR INTERVALS--HE IS ORDERED TO DESTROY HER!

NOW DO YOU AGREE TO SERVE ME? SPEAK!



I'VE GOT NO CHOICE! YOU'VE GOT ME OVER A BARREL--AND YOU KNOW IT!

OKAY, DIABLO--YOU JUST BOUGHT YOURSELF ONE OVER-SIZED BIO-CHEMIST--BUT, ON ONE CONDITION--

NO, PYM! THERE WILL BE NO CONDITIONS!

THE LOVELY WASP REMAINS AS SHE IS--UNTIL I DECREE OTHERWISE!

YOU HAVE WASTED ENOUGH TIME WITH YOUR EMPTY THREATS YOU WILL SET TO WORK ON MY POTIONS WITHOUT DELAY!

'TIS DIABLO WHO COMMANDS! BRUTE! BEGIN!

HOWEVER, EVEN AS GOLIATH RELUCTANTLY COMPLIES--WE TURN OUR RAPID ATTENTION TO A VEHICLE ZOOMING HIGH ABOVE THE CARPATHIANS...



IT'S--DRAGON MAN! HE SEEMS TO BE STANDING GUARD OVER JAN!

IF WHISKERS BACK THERE HAD ANSWERED HANK'S JOES WITH THE REST OF US, HE WOULDN'T HAVETA ASK NUTTY QUESTIONS!

PLEASE, HAWKEYE! THERE IS NO TIME FOR BITTER RECRIMINATIONS!



NEXT, AFTER A LIGHTNING-FAST CONSULTATION IS HELD ON BOARD THE AERO-CAR...



THUS, SCANT SECONDS LATER...



BUT, REGRETFULLY, WE MUST POSTPONE THAT FATEFUL MOMENT--FOR A REMARKABLY SHORT DISTANCE AWAY....

THAT CASTLE-- IT'S NOT LISTED ON OUR NEWEST CHARTS!

AND, ONLY A WORKER OF MIRACLES COULD HAVE BUILT SUCH A MASSIVE STRUCTURE OVERNIGHT!

PERSONALLY, ANYBODY WHO COULD BRING DRAGON MAN TO LIFE IS A MIRACLE-WORKER FIRST CLASS IN OL' HAWKEYE'S BOOK!

HEY-- DID ME! I'M STARTIN' TO SOUND LIKE DIABLO'S PRESS AGENT!

JUST THE SAME, ANYBODY WANNA BET THAT HIS BUTLER IS A DEAD-RINGER FOR BORIS KARLOFF?

THE FOLLOWING MICROSECOND...

YEESS!-- LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY DOESN'T WANT ME TO COLLECT!

WHOEVER HE IS, HE MUST NOT KNOW ABOUT MY LOW BOILIN' POINT!

COME TO THINK OF IT, HALF THE CRUMBS WE FIGHT ACT LIKE THEY NEVER HEARD OF ME!

COULD BE I'M THE ONE THAT NEEDS A PRESS AGENT--OR ELSE A GIMMICK!

MAYBE I SHOULD PAINT ALL MY ARROWS ONE COLOUR. OR SOMETHIN'!

OH, WELL...

WADDAYA KNOW! IT COLLAPSED LIKE MATCHSTICKS!

THEY JUST DON'T BUILD HAUNTED CASTLES LIKE THEY USETA!

MUST YOU TREAT EVERYTHING

LIGHTLY--EVEN SO VITAL A MISSION AS THIS?

LISTEN, LADY-- NOBODY ACCUSES HAWKEYE OF NOT TAKIN' HIS AVENGIN' SERIOUSLY!

AND, NO ONE DID, MY FRIEND!

HURRY, BOTH OF YOU! I CAN RUN NO MORE SLOWLY!

BY THE WAY, I FORGOT TO TELL YA--

THAT GRENADE ARROW IS SUPPOSED TO TO BLAST OPEN THE DOOR!

MOVING SWIFTLY, THE TRIO REACH THEIR ENEMY'S INNER SANCTUM... ONLY TO FACE A MOST UNEXPECTED ROADBLOCK!

HOLD IT, AVENGERS! THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO!

ANYBODY WHO THREATENS DIABLO--HAS TO TANGLE WITH GOLIATH FIRST!

HAVE YOU POPPED YOUR EVER-LOVIN' CORK, MAN-MOUNTAIN?

GANGWAY--'CAUSE WE'RE COMIN' THROUGH!

PIETRO--HANK PROTECTS OUR FOLK! IT CAN ONLY BECAUSE JAN IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE!

AND, WE DARE NOT SHOOT TO HIM OR HERCULES' MISSION--FOR FEAR THAT DIABLO MAY CAUSE ITS FAILURE!

PERHAPS I CAN GET PAST GOLIATH--AND CAPTURE DIABLO!

HOWEVER...

MAYBE I CAN'T MATCH YOUR SPEED, PIETRO...

BUT, I'VE BEEN AN AVENGER LONG ENOUGH TO OUTGUESS YOU--AND BLOCK YOU!

UUMMMFF!

AS FOR YOU, EAGLE-EYES--YOU NEED A LITTLE REMINDER OF MY POWER!

MISS! BUT, I THINK YOU GET THE GENERAL IDEA!

WOW!
HE'S PULLIN' HIS PUNCHES--I KNOW IT! BUT, HE STILL MEANS BUSINESS!

NOW GET THIS--AND GET IT GOOD! I'M NOT LETTING ANYTHING HAPPEN TO JAN--NO MATTER WHAT!

SO, CLEAR OUT OF HERE WHILE YOU STILL CAN--OR I'M TEARIN' INTO YOU!

TEAR AWAY, BIG MAN! I'M TREMBLIN' IN MY QUIVER!

ALRIGHT, AVENGERS--YOU ASKED FOR IT! AND, I'M GONNA SEE YOU GET IT!

YET, EVEN AS HENRY PYM FACES HIS FELLOW AVENGERS TO SAVE HIS BELOVED WASP--HE CANNOT KNOW THAT ANOTHER POWERFUL FORM HAS UNDERTAKEN THE SAME TASK NOT FAR AWAY...

MY PATH DOETH TAKE ME BENEATH THE EARTH--AND OVER POOLS OF SEETHING LAVA!

'TIS LIKE UNTO THE STYGIAN DEPTHS OF EREBOS NADES!



THEN, SUDDENLY, WITH A MATCHLESS FURY
BORN OF ITS MYRIAD ENCOUNTERS WITH
THE HATED HUMAN RACE--THE DRAGON
MAN STRIKES!!

BY THE
DREAD
DARTS OF
APOLLO!

SO ENRAPT
WAS I IN MY
THOUGHTFUL
REVERIE--
THAT I DID
FORGET MY
MISSION!

YET, 'TILL TAKE
MORE THAN THE
SWEEP OF A TAIL
TO VANQUISH
HERCULES!

HERCULES--WHO HATH
FELLED THE MANY-HEADED
HYDRA--WHO DID ONCE
DEFEAT DEATH ITSELF IN
FEARSOME COMBAT!

AND NOW,
ONCE MORE,
I FIGHT FOR
THE HIGHEST
STAKES OF
ALL--A
MORTAL
LIFE!

THEREFORE,
HAVE AT
THEE, THOU
BRAINLESS,
BELLIGERENT
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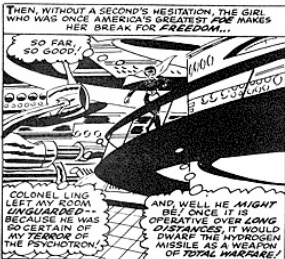
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WONDER BEYOND
WONDERS! THE
BEAST IS BUT
STUNNED BY THE
BLOWS OF THE
PEERLESS
PRINCE OF POWER!

TRULY, HE DOTH
AWAKEN WITHIN
ME THE THIRST
FOR THE HEADY
NECTAR OF
BATTLE!

RRRRRR

AND, ON THAT ROUSING NOTE, WE NOW MOMENTARILY TAKE OUR LEAVE OF A SOMEWHAT SHAKEN OLYMPIAN--AND SWITCH OUR SCENE TO A CERTAIN BASE IN THE FAR EAST, WHERE...



BUT, BEFORE THE TRIGGER-HAPPY GUARD CAN FIRE--

HERE, FOOL--FEEL THE POWER OF THE BLACK WIDOW'S BITE!

NOTHING MUST INTERFERE WITH MY VITAL MISSION! NOTHING!!

SLAP!

UNNNHH!

NEXT, AS THE SECOND UNIFORMED ENEMY AIMS HIS PISTOL...

THERE! NOW, NOTHING BARS MY WAY! THUS--

I SPOKE TOO SOON! HALF A DOZEN MORE GUARDS HAVE HEARD THE STRUGGLE--AND RUSH TOWARDS ME!

CAPTURE HER ALIVE! COLONEL LING HAS COMMANDED US!

SPLAT!

THEN...

...OOOF? CAN NO ONE STOP THAT TRAITOROUS SHE-DEVIL?

IT IS NOT I WHO AM THE TRAITOR, BUT COLONEL LING--WHO IS THE ENEMY NOT ONLY OF AMERICA, BUT ALSO OF HIS OWN NATION--OF HUMANITY ITSELF!

TAP!

TAP!

SUCH A DREAD CREATION AS THE PSYCHOTRON MUST NOT EXIST!

IT MUST BE-- IT WILL BE-- DESTROYED!!

HOWEVER, THE BEAUTEOUS NATASHA MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME, IF SHE KNEW THAT, AT THIS PRECISE INSTANT, HER EVERY ACTION IS BEING CAREFULLY MONITORED...

SO, DOCTOR YEN--THIS IS THE END RESULT OF THE LONG YEARS--THE COUNTLESS MILLIONS--WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO YOUR RESEARCH!

IN ITS VERY FIRST TEST ON A HUMAN BEING, THE PSYCHOTRON FAILS!!



WE MUST CAPTURE HER-- AND FIND OUT WHAT WENT WRONG!

FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, MY DEAR DOCTOR, THAT IS STILL A SIMPLE MATTER!

NO-- IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION FOR HER SWIFT RECOVERY!

THEN, AT THE MEREST TOUCH OF A NEARBY SWITCH, THE COSTUMED GIRL FINDS HERSELF IN A SEALED CHAMBER-- AS THE LERING FACE OF THE MURDEROUS COLONEL LING APPEARS ON A VIEW-SCREEN ABOVE HER...

YOU ARE A FOOL, MY DEAR BLACK WIDOW, TO THINK THAT YOU COULD DECEIVE YOUR FORMER ASSOCIATES--

WE, WHO ARE THE TRUE MASTERS OF DECEIT!



IT WAS--A TRAP! LING WAS OBSERVING ME--ALL THE TIME!

THE ROOM IS FILLING WITH SOME SORT OF GAS-- PUTTING ME TO SLEEP! CAN'T STAY AWAKE...

AND, HALF A WORLD AWAY, AT THAT SAME MOMENT (GIVE OR TAKE A MICROSECOND)...

I'M WARNING ALL OF YOU FOR THE LAST TIME--

NOTHING GETS THROUGH THIS CORRIDOR--NOT WHILE GOLIATH IS STILL ALIVE!



I EVADED HIS BLOW-- BUT ONLY BY INCHES!

IN HIS FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF THE WASP, HE MOVES LIKE A MAN POSSESSED!

SUDDENLY, THE GIANT FORM WHIRLS ABOUT, AND...

UH OH! THOUGHT I COULD SNEAK PAST HIM WHILE HE WENT AFTER DETRO...

OKAY, HAWKEYE-- YOU'VE HAD IT!



I SHOULD'A USED A BLAST ARROW ON YOU WHILE I HAD A CHANCE, YOU CRUMMY TURNOAT!

I'M GONNA MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS, LITTLE MAN!





THEN, DRAGGING THE CRUMPLED FORM OF DIABLO, THE STAR-SPANGLED SENTINEL EXITS FROM THE LAB...



MOMENTS LATER, AS THE FORCE-FIELD DISSIPATES...



MEANWHILE, IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE WE LEFT THE MUCH-LIONIZED LION OF OLYMPUS. LET'S SEE HOW HE FARED FROM DRAGON MAN'S SNEAK ATTACK, LO, THESE MANY PAGES AGO, SHALL WE?



THE NEXT INSTANT, AS IF TO GRAPHICALLY UNDERScore THE POINT...



THE FOLLOWING SECOND, HIS OWN IRRESISTIBLE MOMENTUM AIDED BY THE POUNDING FIST OF HERCULES, DRAGON MAN PLUMMETS INTO THE SEETHING, ALL-BUT-FORGOTTEN LAVA BELOW...

...WHERE HE IS LOST FROM MORTAL--AND IMMORTAL--SIGHT!

SURELY, EVEN SUCH AS ME SHALL NOT SURVIVE YOUR CRYING TOMB!

AND, NOW THAT WE'VE FILLED YOU IN ON THE IMMEDIATE PAST--WHAT SAY WE SKIP TO THE PRESENT, AS...

HERCULES--WHAT ARE YOU DOING??

I DO DETECT THE VOICES OF THINE AVENGER FRIENDS BEYOND THIS WALL!

THUS, SINCE NO DOOR BE NEAR AT HAND--

AH--THE PARTED LOVERS ARE REUNITED!

YOU AND ME BOTH, FRIEND! JAN, HONEY--I WAS SO AFRAID THAT--

'TIS EVER THIS THAT DOTH PLEASE HERCULES BEST!

JUST HOLD ME, YOU BIG GALOOT--AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING!

I FEEL LIKE A FIRST-CLASS LOUSE!

JAN JUST ESCAPED DEATH--AND SUDDENLY, ALL I CAN THINK OF IS NATASHA!

YET, I FEEL STRANGELY SORRY FOR HIM! HE WAS ONLY DIABLO'S HELPLESS TOOL!

JANET VAN DYNE! I THANK ZEUS FOR THY SAFETY--BUT NOW--?

THE NOISE OVERCAME THE SEDATIVE I WAS UNDER--AND I SHRANK OUT OF MY CHAINS!

BY THE WAY, SINCE YOU SAVED MY LIFE, YOU CAN CALL ME JAN!

COME! THERE SHALL BE A TIME FOR TALK ANON!

NOW, WE MUST NEEDS JOIN THE OTHERS!

IT'S HERCULES--AND JAN'S WITH HIM!!

WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO GO AFTER THEM!

I KNEW THAT MUSCLE-BOUND HUNK OF LEGEND WOULD COME THROUGH! I KNEW IT!

THEN, THE VARYING REVERIES OF THE MOMENT ARE INTERRUPTED...

DON'T FORGET THERE'S STILL THE LITTLE MATTER OF THESE BOGUS DRAGON MEN TO TAKE CARE OF!

IN OTHER WORDS, I'VE JIGGED THE PLACE TO BLOW UP IN ABOUT 30 SECONDS!

SO, LET'S MOVE 'EM, KIDDIES--FAST!!

SWIFTLY, WITH SCARCELY A WASTED MOTION, THE MIGHTY AVENGERS BOARD THEIR SPEEDY AERO-CAR, AND...



THEN, THE UNBEARABLE TENSION OF THE PAST FEW HOURS ENDED, THERE IS A FLEETING MOMENT FOR A LIGHTER MOOD...



BUT, SUCH RESPITE IS EVER SHORT-LIVED--AND, SOON, AS THE AVENGERS GATHER FOR POST-MORTEMS...



'INSIDE COMICS'

INSIGHT INTO 'TIMESMASHER'....

Paul Neary (Editor-in-Chief of Marvel Comics UK) is the creator of *Timesmasher*, the second UK originated comic strip to hit the stands in the last two months. It is too early at the present time of writing to know what the reader response is, but what we hope to do in the following interview is outline the strip's direction and importance as Paul sees it. We feel this is necessary because unlike Marvel USA, we only have approximately five page instalments to play with. This means the direction of the strip can remain a mystery to the readership for some three months... and it is for this reason that we call a brief halt to the *Timesmasher* series to talk to Paul.

...Bernie Jaye

I.C. From your ravings around the office it appears you want the new strips we are originating at Marvel UK to be a departure from the present American style of comic strip?

P.N. Let me make it clear that I haven't gone out of my way to be different from the Marvel US style.... It's just that what comes naturally for me is not, obviously, what comes naturally for them. For instance, as I have said before, I think we need to take less for

granted and get back to first principles. I want a Marvel UK universe populated with people who are astonished when they get a visitor from another planet. Another point is that because Marvel USA reserve the right to perform team-ups of their major characters they discourage the invention of characters not existing in the present day. Obviously I find this restricting, and a time travel strip was high on my list of early achievements. I also wanted a companion hero to *Captain Britain* and hence, as you will see, I have amalgamated the two themes in *Timesmasher*.

I.C. From the first episode of *Timesmasher* it looks as if you have dispensed with the all American Superhero. This would certainly be a departure. Is this your intention and do you feel this is at all wanted or warranted?

P.N. I don't think that what I've done is that different from some of the things Marvel have done in the past. Certainly, their "Worlds of Science Fiction" magazine contained a similar type of story but they have always kept that way of telling a story very much apart from their mainstream Superhero comics. If you really want to press the

point I think that Rom the Space Knight was a departure from run-of-the-mill Superhero Comics. The only thing that separates it from what I am trying to do, is that it was done for a younger age group. Basically, what I am saying is that the Halcyon days of Superheroes being born out of chemicals falling off a shelf, freak occurrences loosely based around electricity/gamma rays etc. etc. are over and that these things no longer baffle and shock (excuse pun) people in the way they did twenty years ago.

My alternative is to tell a science fiction story which leads up to and logically gives birth to a being who is a bit out of the ordinary. Such a man has been glimpsed in the first episode of *Timesmasher*. He was the pot-holer who was struck by the 'wave of experience' created by the time-travel craft.

He will certainly have super powers, but whether he will be costumed or not is a different thing again. I have in mind to make him the kind of being who would probably be not too worried about dressing up - but he may be taken in hand by someone who feels this is important.

I must say that with a fairly deepth theme which needs expanding on, it doesn't help to be working in such infrequent and short episodes. I think



Above and right: Character sketches by Mick Austin of the soon-to-be-seen hero of the *TIMESMASHER* strip!

the stories will look better in retrospect, read in bulk. However, it does give us a chance to take it slowly, and that doesn't hurt creatively. Because I'm plotting it almost in passing, among my other daytime duties, in conference with Mick Austin... the longer I have to ponder the possibilities, the better I feel the results are! Also the time lag between episodes will give me time to correlate happenings between the **Captain Britain** and **Timesmasher** strips. There is a strong connecting link, which will become apparent very soon!

The interplay among, and the differing interests of, the three main characters will introduce a number of avenues that it will be fun to explore. There will certainly be some sort of a time travel element that we will look at, and also we have yet to really meet the eventual focus of the series... the character, who will be some sort of a hero figure. I think I should add that I would tend to use the term 'hero' in a fairly loose manner. He may well become something that is too hot to handle! His interaction with McMurdo will be one facet of the strip and, McMurdo's relation with the time traveller will be another facet. In general I would like the mood of the thing to be less sugar coated than it might be... and concentrate more on adventure and less on human interest of the plot-padding type. We will, however, be finding out a lot more about the three main protagonists, especially the character who will be the superhero... he takes a bit of time arriving, but I think it'll be worth it!

I.C. So, we still have a superhero, but different to, say, Captain Britain?

P.N. Yes. I was motivated to bring

back **Captain Britain** because of the continuing popularity of the hero - which was astonishing because he had been unpublished for a number of years. In view of the fact that it fell to me to 'test the water' on **Captain Britain**, to see how an updated version of him would go down... I think it was warranted. I feel that the experiment was warranted.

I.C. Are you looking for a different artistic style to Marvel America?

P.N. Not necessarily, but I certainly feel that there is a Marvel 'house-style' in America that I don't adhere to quite as rigidly as they do. What I'm saying is that there are a great number of high quality artists around who would not get work with Marvel USA but who would get work with Marvel UK. Marvel America do require a certain degree of slickness, plasticness, texturelessness - be as cruel as you want, which **CAN** detract from a lot of the better points of the pencilling. For instance, I think that when **John Buscema** inks his own pencils, his work is of a very high illustrative quality. When it's inked by somebody like **Joe Sinnott** what we get is a slick rendition that misses the whole point but looks glossy. When I see an analysis from some self-appointed art critic that tells me how superior the Sinnott-inked job is, I wonder what things are coming to. I'd like to know what **John Buscema**, and **Joe Sinnott** think of all this. Personally, I would like to encourage a craftsman-like work of illustration before I would encourage people to give me wooden figures, badly, slickly, inked ciphers of what a greater talent (**Jack Kirby** et al) decided should be the Marvel house-style. On a slightly wider theme I think that copying copies of copies (both in writing and drawing) is a disastrous trait which the Americans are not

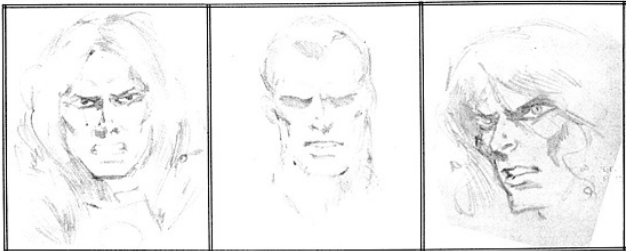
entirely free of. So, while it's incumbent on me to spread the Marvel word, the way that I would spread it would be this - "Jack Kirby drew action in the way that he best knew how, so go and draw, not like Kirby, but action the best way you know how... and as things progress I'll help you the best way I can." And similarly, to the writers, "Stan Lee did something innovative when he introduced human interest into Superhero stories. If you want to emulate Stan Lee, don't try to out human-interest him, but emulate him in his creativity and find something new that will make as big an impact as his innovation."

I.C. You are writing the **Timesmasher** series. What would you say the major influences on your writing are, both in terms of content and style?

P.N. The major influence on my writing style, the words which actually end up on the paper, is **Syd Jordan**. He has a marvellous way of allowing the story to roll along via the pictures, using the words as a linkage as much as possible. His style is very economical, I like that. As far as content goes, I very much admire the rollicking, action packed stuff that **Bill Dubay** both writes and encourages others to write at **Warren Comics**. He is often a bit scurrilous, which also has rubbed off.

I.C. Would you like to say something about **Mick Austin**, the artist on the strip?

P.N. Mick, is actually a good artist, outside of the comics field, which I like. He is a breath of fresh air, if you like, which I think fits into what I am trying to do here at Marvel UK. There's something exciting about the fact that he is young, enthusiastic and intelligent! He is going to be very good. ●



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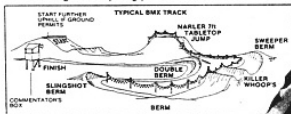
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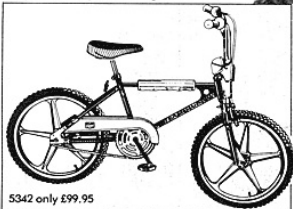
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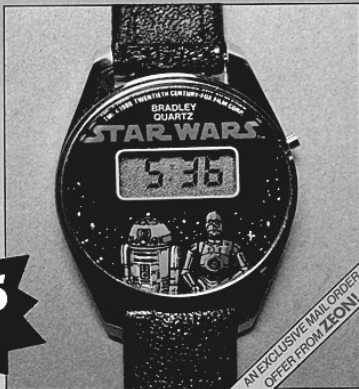
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